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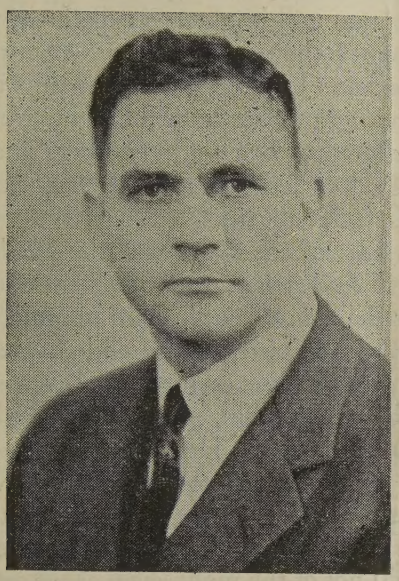

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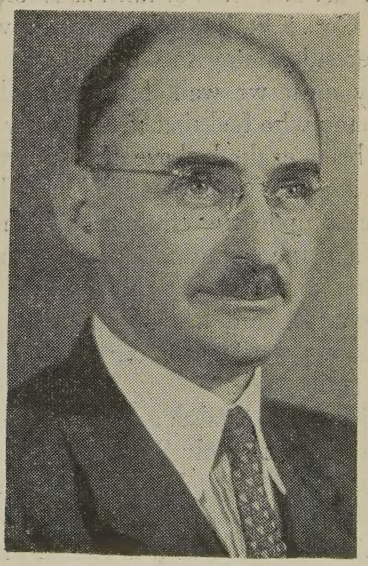

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The Ministry - The Walk, The Watch, The Work

Ordination Sermon Delivered in Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco, June 30

By W. R. Steelberg

The characteristics of the walk of a minister are constituted in some very serious considerations involving speech, conduct, dress, behavior, and many other important factors pertaining to a minister's life, but I shall not deal with these so much, as I wish to draw attention to the more spiritual phases of this walk.

First the walk must be a walk in new life. We read in Romans 6:4, the command, to walk in newness of life. I often tell candidates for water baptism that this holy ordinance should mean as much to them as though they had actually died, and Christ Himself had entered the cemetery raising them from the dead even as He did Lazarus, and then upon their resurrection, imposing upon them the solemn charge that since all of their faculties of sight, hearing, speech, and mental apprehension had all been made alive through His mighty power, they now belong wholly unto Him, and dare not utilize any of their senses for any purpose but that which pleases God. Even so a minister must realize that his is a constant walk in newness of life being ordained to the office of a living representative of Christ.

It must be a walk of faith as is told us in II Cor. 5:7. The closer we draw to the second coming of Christ, more definitely must we walk by faith. There are many who feel that the ministry has now been exalted above the sphere of faith, and that we are justified in making demands upon the churches which we serve and the communities in which we minister to the extent that we will not accept a call without a proper salary and adequate provision for our welfare has been fully made.

Spirituality is also a prerequisite of this walk. The Holy Spirit through the lips of the Apostle Paul exhorts us in Gal. 5:16 in these words "walk in the spirit." How needful it is to live in the realm of spirituality. When I was a younger minister I felt that I could justify myself in indulging in frequent exhibitions of humor, practical jesting, and a good deal of comedy. When I was reproached by my good wife and cautioned that this was behavior unbecoming to my ministry, I stoutly defended myself avowing that it was an escape valve for my mental and physical strain, and since other ministers indulged in various sports and hobbies, I felt I was perfectly justified; but I found it caused me to leak out my spirituality. Let us preserve spirituality at any cost.

The walk of a minister must be a walk of consistency. The statement that has been made, "consistency thou art a jewel," is indeed a very splendid word. How many times people stumble because they say the preacher preaches it, but does not practice it.

Love is also a milestone in this walk. We are told in Eph. 5:2, "walk in love." The latter part of the verse speaks of a sweet-smelling savor. Love is indeed a fragrant incense, and it should be said of ministers, even more so than it is expressed of the general body of Christ, "Behold how they love one another." Do not allow rivalry and jealousy to dominate your nature, for you should be an example of love.

Again we observe that it is a walk of caution. The Scriptures admonish us, "see that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise." If ever we needed wisdom, we need it today. There are many who feel that ministers are most gullible persons, and very apt to fall into any little trap or snare prepared for them; but, thanks be unto God, we do not need to be deceived, if we look to the Holy Spirit for divine wisdom.

W. R. Steelberg

If we walk in this pathway, we will find that the floodlights of divine illumination will brighten our pathway every step of the way; even as the Scriptures declare (I John 1:7) "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son, cleanses us from all sin."

Last of all, if we view the whole, we will find it is a walk of Christ-likeness, as the aging Apostle John reminds us in His first Epistle, the second chapter and the sixth verse, saying: "He that saith he abideth in Him, ought himself also so to walk even as He walked."

Now we come to the subject of watchfulness. We must needs be watchful because we are the children of the day, and not of the night, even as we are told in I Thess. 5:5: "Therefore, let us not sleep as do others, but let us watch and be sober."

Another reason for watchfulness is the imminence of His advent. He has warned us, "Behold I come quickly, hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown." I fear that some of our precious ministering servants will find their rewards have slipped through their fingers because they were careless and did not watch.

"Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation, the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak." Are there temptations for the ministry? Indeed there are, and some of them are so subtle as to overtake us ere we are aware of their presence. The temptation to become avaricious for earthly gain is one that insidiously injects itself into our lives. On one occasion during my younger ministry, having entered a pastorate, after a period of home missionary endeavor during which we were subjected to considerable privation, I unwittingly set my heart on the offering. In order to teach me a lesson, the Lord allowed the offering to become smaller

and smaller, several weeks in succession until I cried out to Him; then He graciously revealed to me the attitude of my own heart; and after begging His forgiveness for having allowed my spirit to become mercenary, He mercifully forgave me and moved upon the hearts of the dear people to give me even more than before. The temptation to seek for power, prestige, and other similar acquisitions of vanity are very often detrimental, not to say a real danger, in the life of the ministry.

The watch unto prayer is one which we cannot afford to discard. Many a noble man of God has been the victim of a subtle paralysis of His powerful and effective ministry because he has failed to continue instant in prayer. Every revival, every outpouring of the Spirit, every God-confirmed message is only effectual when backed by fervent prayer.

Now we shall deal with the work of the ministry. There are many today who feel that it is beneath the dignity of the ministry to be found participating in any form of secular occupation, that is to say, any manual labor which might be involved in a church building or its environs. Let us remember the words of Jesus when He speaks of Himself saying that He "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." We are workers together with God, co-laborers together with the Master as we are told in Haggai 2:4, where the Lord admonishes Zerubbabel to be strong, telling him that He is with him.

Another feature of efficiency in work is to be responsive to the call of the Lord by rendering immediate service. The parable of the husbandman who had two sons whom he asked to labor with him in the vineyard, the one saying "I will go" and went not, the other demurring, but responding nevertheless, is illustrative of this thought. We cannot be dilatory in service for the Master. God hates slothfulness, laziness, and halfheartedness.

Further, we must remember that our place as a workman automatically assigns to us a definite task. There are many laborers who seem to be working very earnestly, but accomplishing little. You have seen men employing tools, being exercised with a great show of activity, but the results were nil. "Do with thy might what thy hands find to do" is the admonition of the Scriptures; and, remember, you have an accounting to give even as we are exhorted in Mark 13:34. When I was a boy, I once applied at a florist shop in answer to an ad; and thinking to be polite, I told the manager I had come to apply for the position he had advertised. He looked at me rather sternly and said, "We have no position, but we have a job." You, too, must realize that there is a job for you to do.

We must be very active in our labors. The Apostle Paul in I Cor. 15:58 admonishes us, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." There are times when a minister becomes discouraged because he apparently continues to sow and sow while others do the reaping. I used to say "I wonder if the Lord has cut me out simply to do sowing." It seemed to me that those who followed me reaped the benefits of all my labors while I continued to exercise great effort in laying foundations; but when I am tempted by such thoughts, I am reminded of the story of the precious missionary who having returned from the fields of foreign service found himself a passenger on a boat on which a great explorer and game-hunter was also returning. When the boat docked in New York, every courtesy and kindness was afforded the game-hunter. He was hurried through the customs with deference and dispatch. He was escorted in a beautiful limousine to a large hotel where friends had gathered to tender him a great welcome-home dinner. On the contrary, the missionary whose baggage was scarcely presentable was afforded no welcome, there was no one to tender him a reception. He was treated with disdain by the customs officials, and finally had to take a street-car to a small second-rate hotel where he rented a very cheap room. Having locked the door, he fell to meditating and finally to weeping. Kneeling beside his bed he protested to the Lord saying, "I have buried a wife and two children in the graves of the tropics, I have given the best of my life, I am weak, penniless, friendless; Lord, why should your servants be thus requited when they come home?" And his frame was convulsed with weeping as he slumped to the floor in the agony of his spiritual torment. In the quietness of the room there come the still small voice of the Master, "Son, you are not home yet."

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You are not responsible for what people think about you, but you are responsible for what you give them reason to think.

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If we are not a blessing, we are a failure.

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Great soul battles bring sharper swords to the God-blessed ones.

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If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night, and toss it over
A continent, or sea;

If the petaled white notes
Of a violin
Are blown across a mountain,
Or a city's din;

If songs, like crimson roses,
Are culled from thin blue air,
Why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?

—E. R. F.

The District Council

The 29th annual District Council meeting has taken its place on the records and in history with all those that have gone before it. As the others, it was a time of blessed fellowship, precious blessing, and the handling of the business of the organization calculated to be for its best interests and the best interest of the work of the Lord. This was the first time in ten years that this annual business session was not conducted in the midst of camp meeting, but the atmosphere of camp could be noted there in the devotional services and the very blessed evening services. Glad Tidings Temple was well filled during the week nights and the last evening when the C. A. rally was held on Friday evening.

The ministry of Brother W. R. Steelberg, now superintendent of the New York, New Jersey District, and well known and well loved in what we consider his "home" District, was very helpful and much appreciated by all. The communion service held on Wednesday was especially a blessed one, not soon to be forgotten. The beautiful new pipe organ in the Temple contributed its part to the pleasure of the people. We all enjoyed the new organ very much.

The session was formally opened on Tuesday morning after the first devotional service in which Brother Steelberg brought the first of the many good messages to the ministers.

As the first order of business the committees were named and confirmed. The Roster Committee began its functions in the registration of the ministers and delegates.

The reports of the District Superintendent and the District Secretary were given and accepted with an expression of appreciation. They gave an interesting account of the further development of the work of the district during the past year. The treasurer's report showed an increase in business of 24% over the previous year, and over three times as much as in 1941. After a short report of the assistant editor of Glad Tidings, a love offering was taken for her.

The Home Mission Committee chairman, Brother C. E. Persing, gave the report of the Home Missions work of the past year. Much has been done in the development of Home Missions churches and in the inauguration of new churches, now progressing splendidly.

A resolution was adopted that this District Council endorse the plan under consideration at General Council headquarters at Springfield, Missouri, that effort be made to secure a national radio program over a national hook-up, representing our general constituency and local assemblies throughout the fellowship.

Brother and Sister R. S. Olson gave an account of their work among the deaf and deaf mutes. Sister Olson "sang" in sign language while Brother Olson sang a solo.

Brother Harry Warwick, Supervisor of Religion and Libraries of San Quentin brought an interesting account of his work and the nature of his "congregation" in that institution.

It was voted that the Protestant Chaplains' Association of San Quentin be given a donation of $50 to help in the work of that association among the inmates.

A resolution that all standing committees be elected by the Council or appointed by the District Presbytery, was not adopted. Neither were the resolutions to limit the term of office of General and District Presbyters.

Adopted was the resolution that before a church is recognized as an associated church, and is listed in our District Minute Book, that the District Presbytery pass on the eligibility of such a church to be associated.

After considerable discussion it was voted that the Ministers' Benevolent Fund be built up to $2,000, no assessment be paid until the fund drops below $1,000. Then assessments be made until fund is built up to $2,000.

On Thursday morning the report of the Roster Committee showed that there were 311 voters present, consisting of 167 ordained, 80 licensed ministers, 8 exhorters, and 56 delegates.

A motion was carried that a telegram be sent the president of the United States from the assembled body stating that we stand behind the chief executive in prayer.

After a report by Brother L. R. Keys on the N. A. E. convention held in Columbus, Ohio, in April, and of the aims and purposes of the organization, it was voted that the District contribute $100 to help carry on their work.

Carried also was the motion that the District Secretary contact the Mutual Broadcasting Company urging them to reconsider their decision on taking all religious programs off the network, and in this letter state to the broadcasting company the size of our constituency and what we represent.

Dr. H. L. Thatcher, President of the Board of Directors of Evangelical Released-Time Education, Inc., presented the work of that organization and its purposes. The Council went on record as being thoroughly in sympathy with the work of this organization.

It was voted to contribute $50 to the Northern California Council of Churches in the interest of cooperating with any effort that is made in the name of Christ.

Brother Fred Vogler, representing the Service Men's Department in Springfield, Missouri, and in San Francisco on his way to Australia and New Zealand in the interest of Service men, spoke of the need of our men there, and of the scope of the work done in behalf of service men over the country.

Brother W. T. Gaston, pastor of Bethel Temple in Sacramento, was elected District Superintendent on the tenth ballot.

Brother R. J. Thurmond, retiring superintendent, was elected District Secretary-Treasurer on the fourth ballot.

Brother L. R. Keys and Brother R. J. Renfroe were elected General Presbyters.

Evangelist E. C. Lagmay brought a report of the Filipino work and of his evangelistic work in the East.

Brother Watson T. Moore, manager of the Service Men's home in Oakland, known as "The Christian Home," told of the kind of work and service being done there and of some of the results. The action of the District Presbytery in endorsing the recognition of "The Christian Home" as an associated church, was ratified.

Brother Frank M. Boyd, the new dean of G. T. B. I., was introduced and welcomed into the District.

It was voted that a love offering for the outgoing officers be taken, and that Brother R. J. Renfroe be given a month's pay on going out of office.

It was reported that the District Presbytery had raised the salaries of the Superintendent and Secretary-Treasurer. The Superintendent's salary is $75 per week, parsonage, and utilities. The Secretary-Treasurer's salary is $235 per month, house, and utilities.

As a matter of clarification, Article 2, Section 1, regarding officers, was made to read "who have been members of the District for at least one year *prior to the time of election.*"

The selections of the District Presbyters by each of their districts, were ratified.

After considerable discussion on the matter of moving the location of our campground, it was voted "that the Presbytery and District executives be empowered to investigate into the possibilities of sale or change of the present campgrounds, the disposal of them in any advantageous way, and to purchase a new site, moving towards a population center.

At the close of business the Council voted to express its gratitude to Pastor L. R. Keys and Glad Tidings Temple for their hospitality during the convention.

A beautiful and inspiring ordination service in which 13 candidates were ordained was held on Friday afternoon. At its close, the 29th annual District Council session terminated in inspiration and consecration for the coming year.

"As a painted fire is no fire, a dead man no man, so a cold prayer is no prayer. In a painted fire there is no heat, in a dead man there is no life, so in a cold prayer there is no omnipotence, no devotion, no blessing. Cold prayers are as arrows without heads, as swords without edges, as birds without wings; they pierce not, they cut not, they fly not up to heaven. Cold prayers do always freeze before they get to heaven. Oh, that Christians would chide themselves into a better and warmer frame of spirit, when they make their supplications to the Lord."—*Brooks.*

Faith makes all things possible, love makes all things easy.

The Word and The Name of God

By O. H. Green

God, the one Supreme Being, self-existent and eternal, the Infinite Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of the Universe. The infinitely great, intelligent and free Being of perfect goodness, wisdom and power, transcendently glorious in holiness, Who created the universe and continues to support it, as well as to govern and direct it by His providence and laws, omnipotent, omniscient, immutable and incomprehensible; Elohim, the Almighty; El Shaddai, the All-sufficient; Jehovah, the Eternal One; JESUS, Saviour.

Surely such a God would protect His name and be careful to keep His word. If mere man on earth is very careful to keep his word, and protect his name, how much more the Creator of man in whose image man is made, would keep His name and word above reproach. Can we imagine the perfect Creator dishonoring His own name, or going back on His own word? NEVER!!

When a man's name or word goes below par in business, banking, and community circles, he may as well move away. He cannot succeed—his associates and neighbors have lost confidence in him, and will have no more dealings with him.

God the Creator, values these two treasures more than man. God sets the standards of character.

Think of what the name of God means in business circles and courts of justice. Men swear by the name of God in court. "In God we trust" is on our coins.

God has said that He will keep His wonderful word and honor His glorious name. "He hath spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Num. 23:19)

David Livingstone said of the words of Jesus, "These are the words of a Gentleman, and I take Him at His word." Shall we not take all the thirty thousand promises in the Bible as the words of a "Gentleman"? "All the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen" (2 Cor. 1:20). "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise" (2 Peter 3:9). "Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name" (Psalm 138:2). "Forever, O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89).

"How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word.
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?"

Reaching for Positive Blessings

Once, when tempted to feel great irritation, an elderly clergyman, told us that he looked up and claimed the patience and gentleness of Christ; and since then it had become the practice of his life to claim from Him the virtue, of which he felt the deficiency in himself. In hours of unrest, "Thy Peace, Lord." In hours of irritation, "Thy Patience, Lord." In hours of temptation, "Thy Purity, Lord." In hours of weakness, "Thy Strength, Lord." It was to me a message straight from the throne; till then I had been content with ridding myself of burdens; now I began to reach forth to positive blessing, making each temptation the occasion for a new acquisition of gold-leaf.—*F. B. Meyer.*

The life with Christ in God is visible to the world.

A Condition of Blessing

Dr. A. B. Simpson's comment on 2 Cor. 12:10: "The literal translation of this verse gives a startling emphasis to it, and makes it speak for itself with a force that we have probably never fully realized. Here it is: 'Therefore I take pleasure in being without strength, in insults, in being pinched, in being chased about, in being cooped up in a corner for Christ's sake, for when I am without strength then am I dynamite!' Here is the secret of divine all sufficiency, to come to the end of everything in ourselves and in our circumstances. When we reach this place, we will stop asking sympathy because of our hard situation or bad treatment, *for we will recognize these things as the very conditions of our blessing,* and we will turn from them to God and find in them a claim upon Him."

News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :-: 2622 W Street :-: Sacramento, California

ARCATA—"We recently closed a very successful three-week revival with Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Fields of Portland, Oregon. The blessing of God was manifest in each service. Several knelt at the altar for salvation, and the saints were stirred to a closer walk with God."—W. C. Gossenberger, pastor.

CENTERVILLE—Evangelist and Mrs. B. J. Keen of Denison, Texas, held a revival campaign with Pastor H. H. Burgess recently.

COVELO—The Lake and Mendocino District fellowship meeting held there May 8 enjoyed the presence and blessing of the Lord the entire day. Pastor Raymond Murray of Ukiah was the afternoon speaker. The evening speaker was Evangelist C. V. Hummel. Many were at the altar seeking the Lord. Paul R. Keeth is the pastor.

KLAMATH—The Redwood district fellowship meeting was held there June 5. N. R. Ingram is the pastor.

LAKEPORT—"We have just concluded three weeks of special meetings conducted by Evangelist C. V. Hummel and daughter Rosemary. The meetings were very well attended during the week nights, and on Sundays there was a large attendance at all services. Brother Hummel and Rosemary not only conducted these services, but also did a week's home missionary work at Upper Lake where we have taken over the supply of the new Full Gospel work known as the Pilgrim Temple."—S. S. Webster, pastor.

LINCOLN—M. H. Luce of Auburn was the director of a Union Daily Vacation Bible School for two weeks beginning June 5. The school was held at the Community Methodist Church with Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw as teachers.

LIVE OAK—Pastor B. H. Givens reports that they are adding on to the church. They have taken 26 new members into the church, baptized 22 in water, and the Sunday School is growing.

LIVERMORE—Good reports come from the church there. Pastor Carl T. Carlin, reporting of activities during the spring, wrote: "We have completed remodeling of Wayside Chapel. A room has been added to house the platform. A new Sunday School room has been built with folding doors opening on to the main auditorium. Celotex insulating planks have been applied to the ceiling of the chapel, and good used theater seats have been installed. This remodeling doubled the seating capacity of the chapel, allowing us to have the annual Union Good Friday Service this year with all Protestant churches in town cooperating. We were also fortunate in obtaining a new Gulbransen Magnatone electric organ in time to use at this service. Formal dedication took place in May. Evangelist T. Jack Opie held a campaign from May 14 to 21."

LOWER LAKE—The Boardman Sisters held a Daily Vacation Bible School in the daytime, and a young people's evangelistic campaign in the evening from June 5 to 18. Thirty-two children were registered in the D. V. B. S., 14 had perfect attendance. Pastor J. A. Westfall reports that it was a good school, and a fine work was done among some of the children of the community, a good number touched with the gospel.

MODESTO (6th & G Assembly)—Le Roy Hemple, formerly of the Oklahoma District, is the new assistant pastor. H. T. Langley is the pastor.

MONTAGUE—Pastor Wm. Cornish Jones of Yreka brought the afternoon message at the Shasta District fellowship meeting held there May 30. In the evening Pastor George Ney of Cottage Grove spoke to a crowd that filled the church and some standing on the outside. There was a good altar service at both meetings. John Hopcroft is the pastor.

PITTSBURG (Bella Vista)—Evangelists Dorothy Fowler and Myrtle McBride held a good meeting there in April. Pastor Thomas F. Hickerson reports that 16 were at the altar for salvation, and the Sunday School attendance reached 156. Living quarters at the church had to be vacated to be used for the Sunday School.

QUINCY—Pastor Melville M. York reports: "We closed a three-weeks Pentecostal revival with Brother and Sister Sylvia F. Hutchinson of Harrison, Arkansas, on June 4, with 26 saved, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, and backsliders reclaimed.

"The church has purchased an option on a lot and intends to build in the near future. The first time that we asked for donations there was $1100 in cash and pledges. The following day, at the fellowship meeting here, we received $111.25 in cash and $250 in pledges.

"We had a wonderful day of fellowship. Pastor George Kiser of Susanville spoke in the afternoon. Sister Floyd Taylor spoke to the C. A.'s. The evening speaker was Brother Floyd Taylor of Janesville."

RIO VISTA—Blossom Gregorian is opening a new work there.

ROSEVILLE—The South Sacramento Valley fellowship meeting was held there June 12. M. T. Draper was the afternoon speaker, and Chaplain James K. McConchie, U. S. A., at present at Camp Beale, was the evening speaker. His little 4-year old daughter rendered selections on her violin, and the Roseville Children's Choir gave a beautiful number. Pastor A. A. Lowe reports that 10 received the baptism of the Holy Spirit during the meetings with Evangelists Smith and Rogers. Also earlier in the spring they had a good meeting with Evangelist and Mrs. Gorden Lindsay.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel)—June 25 was a great day for Bethel Temple. The new church which was built five years ago is completely free of debt, including the parsonage. The mortgage was burned ending all obligations on the $50,000 plant. However, the day was not altogether a joyous one, as it was also the closing day of Brother Marcus Gaston's ministry as assistant pastor. He and his wife have resigned to enter the evangelistic field. Their loss is keenly felt by the congregation. W. T. Gaston is the pastor.

SALINAS—"On the evening of May 8, the C. A.'s of the Coast Counties section held their Sectional Singspiration. By a close check-up there were approximately 200 people present. By far the most of them were C. A.'s. The entire evening was given over to gospel music, vocal and instrumental. The Spirit of the Lord moved over the congregation, hearts were touched. It was a feast. One person was heard to remark, 'It was more spiritual than I thought it would be.' It was so good that there is strong hope that we will have another such singspiration before too long. The service was held in the Alisal Assembly of God, Salinas."—Louis Weston, pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO (Calvary Tabernacle)—Pastor Estella Wilcox reports a very good meeting was held there by Evangelists Dorothy Fowler and Myrtle McBride in May.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings)—Evangelist Stanley Cooke held a campaign there in May. A farewell service was held June 11 for Dean T. J. Jones who has left for the East for several camp meetings and evangelistic work.

SAN JOSE (Upper Room)—Mrs. Leona Larson, secretary, writes that Arthur M. Otteson of Minneapolis recently held a three weeks campaign there. His ministry of the Word in song was a blessing to many. Max Freimark is pastor.

STOCKTON—Evangelist and Mrs. Rangnor S. Peterson of Wisconsin held a meeting with Pastor E. O. Robeck from June 9 to 25.

TRACY—Ovid A. Dillingham has been made the new pastor there, succeeding Brother Floyd Thomas whose farewell service was held June 25. Brother Thomas and family are scheduled to leave in July for New York preparatory to sailing for the Gold Coast, West Africa.

TRANQUILITY—Mrs. Edna Reid has resigned as pastor. W. E. Kern has become the new pastor.

VALLEJO (Full Gospel Church)—Evangelist Hans F. Bretschneider held a very successful revival there lasting five weeks. Many were at the altar for salvation, and attendance was splendid.—E. J. Corwall.

VALLEJO (Chabot Acres)—At the time of writing Evangelist Hans Bretschneider is in a very good meeting with Pastor T. J. Custock.

WATSONVILLE (Pajaro)—Pastor C. C. Catledge reports: "We had an excellent two weeks meeting in May with Brother Maurice Contreras. There was a definite moving toward God. Many were saved, especially among the young people and Juniors, and a goodly number of these were filled with the Holy Spirit."

WILLITS—Evangelist C. V. Hummel and daughter Rosemary held a two weeks meeting there in May. The church was blessed by the good ministry of Brother Hummel, while the children and young people greatly enjoyed Sister Rosemary's music and object lessons. On June 9, Paul Keeth, C. A. Sectional Chairman, organized the young people into a C. A. unit. L. F. Wilson is the pastor.

YUBA CITY—Chaplain James K. McConchie, of Camp Beale, was the speaker at the Sunday evening service June 18. C. E. Lebeck is the pastor.

Personal Mention

Evangelist and Mrs. WM. D. SWANSON held a campaign in Miles City, Montana, in June.

Evangelist GERTRUDE V. JONES is holding meetings in Washington. She held a very good meeting in the city of Colville.

Evangelist LYDIA PEARSALL is engaged in meetings in the southern part of the state.

E. C. LAGMAY, Filipino evangelist, held a good meeting in Alva, Oklahoma, in May.

Evangelist ROBERT THOMAS held a very good meeting for Pastor NOBLE BALLEW of Drain, Oregon.

JOHN NICOLICH has left the first of June for a four-month missionary tour in Puerto Rico.

Evangelist and Mrs. R. B. HAVNER held a meeting in Houston, Mo., after a campaign in Hartville, Mo.

Evangelist F. A. TOLLER held a meeting in Williams, Arizona, in the early part of June.

Indian Camp Meeting

Sister Mildred G. Charles, pastor of the Indian Church in Covelo, invites all who are interested to attend the encampment of Christian Indians from July 2 to 9. Everyone is welcome. The blessing of the Lord is anticipated upon the gathering. Those planning to attend are asked to bring along their ration points. There will be three services a day and three meals served daily.

Happy Gatherings

The four pastors within the Sequoia Union High School District, E. R. Gomes of Redwood City, Arthur Lindvall of San Carlos, Donald Skaggs of East Palo Alto, and E. V. Jennison of Menlo Park, are joining efforts in reaching young people of that section. They have a monthly rally in one of the four churches for the high school young people and those of the seventh and eighth grades. These meetings are held the last Monday of each month. The pastors meet each Tuesday morning for prayer and consultation.

Two rallies have been conducted thus far. H. S. Lehmann of Oakland was the first speaker, and Sister Adele Carmichael of San Jose was the speaker at the second meeting. Both rallies proved successful and were conducive to spiritual vision and consecration, and a splendid group of young people were present.

In Gridley

Mrs. W. T. Scott conducted a revival for the young people the first week of May. Rich blessings were received by all, souls were saved, and the young people reconsecrated their lives to the Lord. Sixteen young people were baptized in water the first Sunday in May.

MRS. CORA FRIEDMAN, *C. A. Pres.*

Appreciation

Dear Brother Thurmond:

We praise the Lord for the wonderful way in which He has sent in the offerings for the rebuilding of our home. We surely appreciate your diligent care for us and the way in which you have believed God for the need. Surely the Lord is seeking to show Himself strong to us all. May God richly bless and reward each giver.

We have spent for the following, thus far: building materials, plumbing fixtures, wiring, and replacement of other necessary articles, $1,150.72. We have the house built up to the plate, and will need 5000 feet of sheet rock, 1000 feet of boards, 2x4's, roofing and shingles.

My children and nieces have helped me faithfully, and we have made good progress in building.

May God bless you.

Yours in His glad service,

(Signed) Leif E. Erickson.

Wedding Bells

On the evening of June 3 Berdetta Manley became the bride of Pastor Cecil M. Robeck of Sausalito. The bridegroom's father officiated, assisted by E. O. Robeck, and L. R. Keys. A reception followed in the dining hall of the Institute.

Ella Jeanne Brown became the bride of Pfc. Albert Homutoff on June 15 in a ceremony in Trinity Chapel, Pomona, California.

Mr. Sing Wae Hui and Miss Fong Yee Chow announce their marriage on Thursday, June 22, in San Francisco, California.

New Arrival

Bobby Emil Larson arrived May 28, 1944 to join the family circle of Pastor and Mrs. Earl Larson of Westwood.

Contributions received by the District office to aid the Leif Erickson family in time of loss:

Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Palo Alto	$20.46
Full Gospel Assembly of God, Richmond	50.00
Pentecostal Assembly of God, Wheatland	1.00
Assembly of God, Berkeley	30.00
E. J. Parfitt, Cupertino	10.00
V. H. Gustafson, Oakland	10.00
Assembly of God, Santa Rosa	26.91
Full Gospel Tabernacle, Auburn	16.75
Indian Full Gospel Assembly, Auburn	8.05
Tabernacle of God, Oakland	13.00
Highway Pentecostal Assembly, Sunnyvale	52.63
Glad Tidings Tabernacle, Roseville	50.38
Bernard Tewell, Elko, Nev.	20.00
B. F. Couchman, San Jose	5.00
Mrs. H. Bohnisch, Lindsay	25.00
Mrs. E. B. Hart, Stockton	5.00
Elizabeth A. Wood, Oakland	5.00
W. A. Baird, Alameda	1.00
Charles I. Spellman, Los Angeles	5.00
Assembly of God, Oroville	10.00
L. D. Wells, San Jose	10.00
Assembly of God, Willows	30.10
Mrs. B. H. Rouse, Healdsburg	2.50
Hilma Wikstrom, Reno, Nev.	20.00
Assembly of God, Grass Valley	11.50
Carl O. Gunderson, Longview, Wn.	5.00
Emil Ray, Los Angeles	2.00
Glad Tidings Church, Reno, Nev.	18.00
Wm. Savidge, Reno, Nev.	5.00
W. M. C. Ferndale	2.00
Full Gospel Assembly, Healdsburg	10.00
Miss Bertha Eggler	5.00
Mrs. Lina McCarty	5.00

Contributions sent directly to the Ericksons include:

Church of the Gospel Light, Oakland	$25.83
Sister Lavin, Oakland	5.00
Full Gospel Church, Woodland	17.75
Fairfield Full Gospel Church & Neighborhood	114.00
W. M. C. Calvary Community Church, San Jose	8.50
Home Missions Dept., Glad Tidings Temple, San Francisco	75.00
Donald G. Weston, Modesto	10.00
Elizabeth Bertenshaw, Auburn	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Vickers	25.00
Manuel Olson, San Francisco	10.00
Full Gospel Church, Vallejo	133.36
Revival Tabernacle, Oakland	135.00
Walter Erickson	20.00
Missionary Department, General Council, Springfield, Mo.	100.00
District Home Missions Fund	50.00

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District Superintendent's Annual Report

Beloved Co-Workers: (Psalm 146 for Scripture Reading)

Another year of activity and pleasant associations has gone by in spite of war restrictions and curtailments to some degree. However, there is no curtailment to God's bountifulness if we "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" and "committing our way unto Him" we learn to trust Him implicitly. How we need to learn this more and more and to enter into the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings being made conformable to His death.

The camp meeting has been canceled, due to wartime restrictions, and I believe in due time and even now we can see the wisdom of cooperating with the travel program, but we must keep up the work of our churches and as much district fellowship as possible. And, of course, this annual conference is needed each year for the conduct of our business, and this year especially, due to the election of all officers.

This has been a busy year with over 35,000 miles of travel by car, bus and train, which includes two trips East. Altogether, there have been 53 business meetings held, 98 services, 9 dedication services, 3 mortgage-burning services, 1 installation service, 2 farewell services, 4 funerals, 2 weddings, 5 committee meetings, 2 presbyters meetings, besides those at the District Council last year and Midwinter Convention, 22 fellowship meetings, 2 church affiliations, 7 conventions (General Council, N. A. E., Filipino, Portuguese, C. A. Midwinter Convention, East Bay Missionary Convention and our own Midwinter Convention) 3 camp meetings, (one of course being our own and a visit to Oregon and Southern California), 2 C. A. counsellors meetings, 6 interdenominational meetings, 12 California Church Council sessions, several visits with the W.P.B., and 5 Glad Tidings Bible Institute visits at school and in faculty meetings, making a total of 241 calls, services, etc. Part of the increase in activity has been due to moving the Superintendent's Office to Oakland, which has expedited travel by bus and train when gas rationing prohibited use of the car.

Additional finances by increase of tithes has enabled us to reduce the mortgage on the Superintendent's parsonage to $1,500 at this date, which cost the district $8,000, furnished, last September, and we were also able to buy additional holdings on the campground of $3,070 for which we praise the Lord. The Lord bless all of you who have been so faithful in your support of the district program with your half tithe. There are a few who have not felt their responsibility along this line, but remember, "as you sow you will reap." How can we expect our church people to be faithful if the leaders are not?

I have appreciated the cooperation of the General and District Presbyters and the District Secretary-Treasurer and committees in the work of the district and, though it is true we have not accomplished all we desired, yet we have endeavored to do the will of the Lord and branch out in our Home Missions program and campground program as the Lord has permitted with our finances and workers. Really, getting the workers for the smaller places and for pioneering in the new places has been the biggest problem, but God yet has those whom He has called for this work. I would like to see every worker amply compensated, but I sometimes wonder if the Lord doesn't expect us to trust Him more and then He will reward our faithfulness. Laborers are needed. How thankful I am to the Lord for those who have been serving in the Home Missions places. It is a needy field and someone must take the gospel to these smaller outlying communities and Indian centers and the State of Nevada.

The Women's Missionary Council

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Comparative Report of Missionary Giving in Northern California and Nevada District

1942-1943

From District and Assemblies Only:

Offerings for year 1943	$53,265.46	
Given Direct	3,285.81	
Total		$56,551.27
Offerings for year 1942	$36,686.24	
Given Direct	2,387.24	
Total		$39,073.48
Gain in Offerings in 1943		$17,477.79

Fifteen Leading Assemblies 1943

Oakland First Pentecostal Church	$5,778.56
San Francisco Glad Tidings Temple & Bible Institute	4,618.25
Oakland Bethel Tabernacle	3,217.89
Turlock Bethel Temple	2,795.00
Morgan Hill Full Gospel Church	1,876.83
Vallejo Full Gospel Church	1,875.13
San Jose Upper Room Pentecostal Mission	1,776.18
Yuba City Calvary Tabernacle	1,357.25
Sacramento Bethel Temple	1,328.87
Delhi Good Tidings Church	1,260.67
Pacific Grove First Pentecostal Church	1,204.95
Escalon Glad Tidings Assembly of God	1,204.03
San Francisco Calvary Tabernacle	1,120.89
Modesto Bethel Church	1,066.44
Oakland Bethany Chapel	1,039.81

There are 47 churches in the District which, though giving to foreign missions, are not sending their offerings in under the World Missions plan. If all would do so, it would greatly assist the home missions field as 20% of undesignated offerings returns to the district from which it is sent.

If you would prove God's worthy soldier, let life challenge you to battle.

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Notice

The War Production Board advises that buildings can be erected without permit only when materials (new or used) and labor costs are under $1,000. Any amount over this requires a permit, and they are not likely to be given. Any one building for over $1,000 without a permit is subject to fine or imprisonment. All construction is being investigated in due time. Even though you have used material valued at over $1,000, construction is not allowed without a permit.

Even though you can build up to $1,000, it yet remains for you to find materials. In some sections this is harder than others, as dealers cannot replenish their stock with a priority.

A number of our churches are interested in a building program, and are asking our help or endorsement; but we cannot endorse any program over $1,000 without a permit from the W. P. B.

R. J. T.

Auditor's Report

Northern California and Nevada District Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc.

In accordance with instructions, I have completed an audit of the receipts and disbursements of the Northern California and Nevada Council of the Assemblies of God, Inc., for the period from June 1, 1943, to May 31, 1944.

The audit covered the receipts and disbursements of the District Account and the Camp Account. The balance of the District Account was $9,585.31, consisting of $8,976.52 cash in bank, and $608.79 on hand May 31, 1944. The Camp Account showed a balance of $1,554.97 cash in bank and $270.35 cash on hand, or a total of $1,825.32 on May 31, 1944.

I have found all receipts properly accounted for during the above named period.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) J. B. Hurlburt,
Public Accountant.

Dated: June 23, 1944
Napa, California

Report of the Secretary

It has been a real pleasure to serve as your secretary for the past year. I have been very grateful for the opportunity to preach 73 times in 51 of our assemblies. The associations and friendships formed during this year will live in our memory forever.

Although you will receive the reports of the Home Missions and Campground Commitee chairmen, I will preface their remarks with a word or two. God has met us in the new steps we have taken in our Home Missions program, and the financial statement shows a 49% increase in our Home Missions income, and we have more to show for the year's work and the money expended than ever before. The Home Missions Committee should be congratulated on a job well done. This would not be possible without the loyal support of our pastors and presbyters. We are extremely thankful to them and to all of our people for their grand cooperation.

The campground has paid its way through the year, and had war conditions been such as to have allowed the holding of camp meeting, the grounds would have been in excellent condition. There will be need for redecorating some of the cabins this coming year. Also there will be the provision of added sanitary facilities and showers before our next year's camp. I presume that the Campground Committee will be working on these problems. You will be glad to know that the committee has a plan under consideration to construct platforms for tents, thus eliminating much of the dust and dirt of former years. With additional time for intelligent planning, the campground will be much more comfortable than in former years.

In response to the invitation of Brother Harold Lehmann, your secretary has been carrying on a ministry as Interview Chaplain, serving the men of Pentecostal and Holiness faiths at the California State Penitentiary at San Quentin. This has been a real blessing, and has had marked spiritual returns in the salvation of souls. We rejoice greatly in the appointment of Brother Harry Warwick as Director of Religion and Libraries at San Quentin, and anticipate a profitable time with him at San Quentin. Since Brother Lehmann is leaving for Africa, Brother Ed Anderson is assisting in this work.

The work of the secretary's office has greatly increased during the past year. A comparison of the records shows an increase of 24% over last year. More than three times the amount of business is now being handled through this office than in the year of 1941. Through all this volume of business it has been the aim of your secretary to be as efficient as possible in carrying on this work. Because of the inadequacy of our present office facilities, we have sometimes been hindered in reaching this goal, and we have been thankful for the charity and understanding shown by our fellowship. Your secretary wants you to know how much he appreciates your kindness and

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NEW CREDENTIALS

Ordained:
Paul Pipkin
Bernard Leslie Tewell
Otto Schmidt
James C. Merwin
Thomas John Custock
Charles James Coffey
Robert B. Thomas
Maurice V. Contreras
Melville M. York
Thomas Alfred Simms
Floyd L. Smith
William Clark Robinson
Curtis E. Freeze

Licensed:
Dorothy Pencovic
Avery Given
Virla Ruby Dowdy
Mary Lou Miller
David T. Thompson
Albert Alex White
Paul R. Markstrom
Arline Olive Parks
Betty Jones
Herman Carlson
Lawrence Vider Eck
William C. Schobert
Frank O. Anderson
Lyle W. Corsaw
Dora Pennell
Custudio C. Linang
Gertrude Riecke
Virgil T. Eldridge
Floyd William Baker
John Lee Morley

Exhorters:
Mrs. Elsie Metz
Mrs. Gladys Givens
Mrs. Rhiles A. Fowler
Cyrus A. Bush
William L. Shelly
Lester W. McDonald
Milford J. Brewer
Mabel Bell Maddox
Hettie Mae Vest
Walter Teeters
John Marshall Brown
Constantinos Bourothimas
Felix A. Concepcion
Catalino N. Nacar

prayers, for the work that has been done could not have been accomplished without the help of the Lord. We are also grateful for the splendid work of Sister Maddocks, assisting as office secretary during the month of June.

In closing, let me again thank you for your prayers and kindnesses. All we have done, we have done as unto the Lord and in the spirit of "Him who loved us and gave Himself for us."

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of June, 1944.

R. J. RENFROE

ANNUAL REPORT

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has ably assisted in the Home Missions work and we greatly appreciate this department of our district work.

Many calls have come for loans for improvements, building programs and refinancing of church properties but our funds have been too limited for all of this, and also war building restrictions have hindered, but it would be a fine thing if a fund of $20,000 or $25,000 could be on hand for just such purposes and I am believing the Lord to lay it on hearts to help us in this, perhaps not only through gifts, but by bequests. There are those in these days of prosperity who could give generously to this and God would bless. If all our ministers would contribute regularly of their tithes each month, a large sum could be built up over a two-year period. Pray with us about this.

One thing I believe the churches should do with surplus funds, besides planning building programs, is to finance needy and eligible students for the ministry. It is not good for students to have to work long hours and make big money and put God's call secondary. I appreciate the willingness on the part of the students to work, but it would be far better for them spiritually to have more time for study, prayer, services and actual gospel work. I make this as a suggestion, for we need talented, consecrated workers who have sat at the feet of the Lord, and godly teachers, training for spiritual work in this war-torn sin-sick world.

Another thing we should do is to take the ceiling off of our M.B. Fund, or at least raise it to possibly $2,500. One thousand dollars is not enough, especially if we have to meet several calls close together and remittances were slow coming in. We had a sample of it this year, and though the fund was replenished in a short time, if two or three more had passed away, we would have had to wait for funds before remittances could have been made. Even if we have to pay $6 or $7 a year for two or three years, it would not be much and would help to get the funds to the ceiling of $2,500.

We have lost four of our ministers, Bro. Griffin, Bro. Surface, Bro. Harper and Sister Ellis, as well as Bro. Harper's wife, during the past year, but our loss is their gain in their homegoing. May we cherish the memory of these faithful brethren and sisters in the Lord and look forward to a grand reunion with the many who have preceded us.

Brother Victor Sanderson is the representative of the Service Men's Department of Springfield and we trust additional interest and new avenues of help may develop toward service centers, camp programs, distribution of Reveilles and tracts, etc., as there is much work to be done in behalf of the service men and women. Some of the churches of the East Bay district are cooperating with the Christian Home for service men, superintended by our Brother W. T. Moore, and it has been recommended for endorsement. Others of our churches in some of the cities are cooperating with other church groups in maintaining service centers.

Sister Bernice Mast, our District Sunday School Representative, is not with us in this District Council as she is in Kansas City in some special Vacation Bible School work at Brother Aaron Wilson's church, but will return soon and continue on in the good work she has been doing. Brother Maurice Luce, the Boardman Sisters, the Baker Sisters and others have been cooperating in children's work and Vacation Bible Schools. Surely everything possible should be done to meet the need among the children and young people today, to combat the delinquency problem, and we can praise the Lord for workers who have this burden and vision for the children.

The C.A. President, Brother Robert Carrington, and the other C.A. officers have done splendid work in their rallies and conventions as far as their church work would permit. God bless our C.A.'s in these days of war and uncertainty and the many temptations surrounding them and make them stalwart ambassadors of Christ.

The General Council Home Missions Department has authorized Brother B. T. Bard to go ahead with an Indian Bible School at Blue Lake and the District is cooperating with half of the expense, excepting in Brother Bard's support, which comes from Springfield as a designation from the Cleveland church which supported him many years in China. We trust this will be a real development and stimulus to the work among our Indians, sending forth many of their own race as missionaries to their people.

We have had a number of ministers come in from other districts and we welcome each one and want them to feel at home with us. Christ Jesus makes us one, and the same blessed Holy Spirit unites us in a common faith and experience which sends us forth everywhere to proclaim the fundamentals of the faith and to be ready for His glorious coming.

There has been much to be done in connection with draft deferment of some of our ministers, but thus far we have been able to help in every case, at least they have not been inducted, though in a case or two, they have not yet been placed in Class 4D.

The district as a whole has been enjoying a spiritual growth and reports have come of many saved and filled with the Holy Spirit during the year and blessed times of fellowship are had monthly throughout the sub-districts. Surely we praise the Lord! May this continue through the ensuing year and we indeed continue on as "Pentecostal" people filled with the grace and glory of the Lord and full of the Holy Ghost. People are hungry for God's Word and for the refreshing "Living Waters."

The campground is in fine shape and we are glad to report that Brother and Sister Martin are staying on for another year as caretakers. There is a planned development program of the Campground committee, as soon as war conditions permit, for new cabins and additional rest rooms, but this will be presented at some future date.

Sister Marjorie Maddocks has been my right hand helper in editing GLAD TIDINGS and has filled her job well again

this past year. She has also been assisting our District Secretary-Treasurer as needed in his office work.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Renfroe, and the Home Missions Committee Chairman, Brother C. E. Persing, and Campground Committee Chairman, Brother A. A. Lowe, will have more detailed reports of activities and progress when they give their reports.

I would not want to forget the moving of the Holy Spirit in the lives of several of our well-known ministers in calling them to the foreign missions field. It has been a privilege to put our district endorsement on several, three of whom, Brother H. S. Lehmann, Brother Floyd Thomas, and Brother L. E. Dowdy, have already received appointments. Appointments for Brother Robert Thomas and Brother O. L. Foth and others are expected as soon as the quota permits. God bless these brethren and their families as they go from our midst.

We are happy to have Brother W. R. Steelberg as our District Council speaker and welcome him home again as all of us who know him, know he had much to do with the Home Missions and the young people's work of our District in past years. God has blessed him on the East Coast, enlarging his ministry, and he comes to us as District Superintendent of the New Jersey District and a non-resident Executive Presbyter of our General Council. We rejoice with him and pray God will bless us to him and him to us as he is with us these few days.

Troop trains are crowded, Red Cross medical cars are long Pullmans these days bringing the war home to us with sickening awakening of thousands who have been wounded as well as the thought of thousands never to return. How we need to pray for our nation, our President, our men and women in the armed forces, and the homes they represent. The church stands challenged to bring comfort, courage, strength and hope through its open doors and through the preaching of the gospel of Christ, each individual, as well as each minister, a shining light to shine out in this world of darkness, suffering and tragedy. We can meet the challenge only on our knees and with the open book of "Thus saith the Lord." It is not the church building or human ability that meets the need, but only Jesus as He is exalted and glorified in our daily lives and in the midst of His people gathered together in holy worship.

God bless you every one. To serve Him, to be ready for His coming, and have many others ready, is our united hope and calling.

Respectfully submitted,
R. J. Thurmond.

Good Bye

It is with regret that we see Brother T. J. Jones leave his work in this district. He has had a real and definite place among us. However, we wish him well, and pray God's blessings be upon him as he ministers the Word in other districts. We shall be happy to see him return, and we are glad he plans to do so. In a word of farewell, he writes:

"I expect from time to time to be passing through the district and intend to keep my membership in this district for the present at least. I wish you would convey through Glad Tidings a word of thanks to all the ministering brethren with whom I have labored for the past four years, assuring them that I shall be glad to visit them from time to time when in the district."

Wanted: A Home

Brother Ralph D. Williams, recently returned from Central America is looking for a house to rent for his family. He writes:

"Do you know of a town in California that is not over-crowded and where we could rent for our family? We've been looking for six weeks and it seems just about impossible to find anything. . . . and where they will take children. Our two boys are in North Dakota and we're so anxious to reunite the family if only for a few days before Owen, our oldest, enters the Navy. We need a two- or three-bedroom house, furnished if possible. . . . Would greatly appreciate it if you would advise us of any place we might secure one."

(Note: Anyone knowing of a house, such as needed, to rent, may write Brother Williams at 11526 Albers St., North Hollywood, Calif.)

Difficulties are God's errands, and when we are sent upon them, we must regard them as God's compliments.

Servicemen's Department

The outstanding opportunity in the field of evangelism at this hour lies with the 12 million men wearing the uniform of the U. S. A. There are 19 field representatives scattered throughout the country launching a program of military evangelism that will mean thousands for Christ in the days that lie ahead.

In this section scores of Service men have been spoken to about their souls, and a good portion have yielded their hearts to the Lord. Camps, naval stations, and hospitals, numbering 36 in all, have been visited with *Reveilles* and tracts. Thirty-six chaplains have been called upon, and orders have been taken to supply their men with our literature. They have ordered some 20,000 *Reveilles,* and also tracts which we supply free for distribution among the Servicemen. Ten thousand *Reveilles* were ordered by one of the Catholic chaplains, who is the head chaplain of the Transports.

With the launching of our program of broader evangelism, and the tremendous increase in the distribution of *Reveille,* and maintaining our 19 field representatives and our staff of 27 stenographers who write our 25,000 C. A. boys once a month, and boys that are listed in the files at Springfield, it is going to be necessary for every church to stand behind this work, not only with a liberal offering, but in regular monthly pledges, as the cost of *Reveille* alone will soon rise to $1,100 a week.

Victor A. Sanderson, *Field Representative in Northern California and Nevada District.*

We wish to thank all those who so kindly cooperated with the W. M. C. activities during the Council meeting in San Francisco. We were glad for the new articles brought in. Their display was a help to the ladies from other churches giving new ideas to be worked out in their groups. Also the used clothing was appreciated by those receiving them. May the Lord bless you and continue to make you a blessing.

—Mrs. R. J. Renfroe.

Hymn books are almost unobtainable in Denmark, it is reported, because paper ordinarily allocated for hymnals is being used to make cigarettes.

Christ's Ambassadors

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WESLEY P. STEELBERG, *Secretary-Treasurer,* Box 414, Nevada City, California

The President's Report

It is with a glad and grateful heart that at the close of our fiscal year we report what God has done for us. Surely despite raging war and restrictions that have been real obstacles, the hand of the Lord has yet blessed abundantly the Christ's Ambassadors of this District.

Robert Carrington

From letters received and our visits to our various sub-sections we have seen that as a youth movement the Christ's Ambassadors are still growing. In the past year ten new groups have been given recognition, and despite the demand of the government for more young men, and yet more young men, our conventions and rallies have maintained a high attendance average. This has been evidenced in the fact that our Santa Cruz convention, when the records were tabulated, the attendance was but two hundred less than our record attendance. This despite the fact that Santa Cruz is off the beaten track, and many of our young men were absent.

Nor are we pleased merely with the fact of numerical growth but also there has been a healthy spiritual incline as is evidenced primarily by the spiritual tone of our rallies. Almost everywhere we have ministered in rallies and individual churches, God has given souls and baptized in His Spirit.

Financially, also, there has been a substantial increase, and in this connection we feel it only fair to explain to our young people the events surrounding our Service men's project. It was our earnest desire that a C. A. sponsored service center be opened, and to this end we secured a building in San Jose, depositing a check to hold it. No sooner had the check been made out but the army moved from the town; hence we must needs look for a new location. It has been physically impossible for your C. A. president to look further into various cities to discover locations and investigate personnel for the operating of the center. However, Victor Sanderson, our Servicemen's Department appointee from Springfield, has been endeavoring to "find" a strategic location, and also through other sources we have been endeavoring to do something concrete along this line. You will note that over six hundred dollars is in the treasury for this work and to do something really constructive. This is only a beginning, so we are continuing to ask your support in lieu of that endeavor, and we are sure that such a project will soon be reality.

We have appreciated the cooperation and efficiency with which your vice president, Floyd Thomas, and secretary treasurer, Marcus Gaston, have conducted their offices. They are young men who have definitely put God first in their lives, your vice president having recently received appointment as missionary to Africa in obedience to the call of the Lord. He will be missed in our young people's rallies for his especially fine messages of consecration. Brother Gaston, too, is entering a new field of endeavor, in an evangelistic ministry. We are sure our young people will receive rich inspiration from his ministry.

The growth of the Christ's Ambassadors has increased yearly. And with the growth so also has the work involved grown, so that your president has put between twelve and thirteen weeks directly into the carrying on of C. A. activity. Many calls to minister to local groups we have not been able to accept, feeling that not only must the work of the C. A.'s prosper but also the local assembly of which I am pastor.

It was our privilege to attend the General Council session at Springfield. At that time legislation took place to the effect that our national age limit be lowered to thirteen and to continue to include those to thirty-five. Inasmuch as there are so very few of our groups that maintain the age limit of thirty we ask that our action of last year be reconsidered.

At the mid-winter convention at a president's banquet it was stated unanimously that inter-sectional rallies be fostered, and we recommend that before this summer is over that such rallies be put into operation.

We believe that the C. A.'s of this District will continue to advance whether war or restrictions of whatever nature tend to hinder or not.

The work for the young people has never been drudgery or effort, but is, and always shall be, a special pleasure for me and it is our earnest prayer that our young people may ever have the smile and approval of God resting upon them.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT CARRINGTON.

C. A. President Full Time Job

During the business session at the convention in San Francisco, the position of C. A. president was made a full-time job that he might spend all of his time on the field promoting the C. A. activities. Robert Carrington was elected to fill this office. Evangelist Paul H. Pipkin was elected the vice president; and Wesley P. Steelberg, pastor in Nevada City, was elected secretary-treasurer. May the Lord bless these young men in their new work, and prosper their labor in His service.

If God's light is shining in you, it will be sure to be seen by someone who is traveling in the dark.

NEW C. A. COUNSELLORS

Marcus T. Gaston
R. J. Renfroe
Wm. T. Scott

Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

Greetings from Kansas City, Missouri, in the matchless name of Jesus.

I believe we can readily agree that the Sunday School will always offer a challenge to its workers, of "a broader vision" and "a greater faith." Someone has said, "While tasks are necessary, vision is essential"; and vision without faith is like a fruit tree without fruit.

When a worker permits God to work on his vision and enlarge the possibilities of His grace and power to reach and cover the clear vision of the vast need about us, our immediate impulse must be to turn again to the great Enlarger of visions for greater faith to match.

George Muller said, "The living God is my partner!" We are workers together with Him who knows no defeat. Therefore throughout these summer months, we cannot afford to make provision for a summer slump in our Sunday Schools!

Workers! Take another look at your class or your school. Stand on your tiptoes and get every detail of every need and of every possibility—then drop on your knees before Him and look again. "Remember, real faith *never* goes home with an empty basket." Jacob said, "I will *not* let thee go, except thou bless me."

A little brown apple seed may be dry and dead looking, but in it is a miracle of faith. One can readily count the little brown seeds in an apple, but who can count the apples in a seed? Yes, you may readily count the members of your Sunday School class, but who can tell what or who may really come from that same group in the years to come if Jesus tarries?

Vision and faith are always followed by a deepening of personal consecration. Let it come; teachers and workers everywhere need it desperately!

Last, but not least, vision and faith give us a concern for greater efficiency for God in this great work—"Workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Let's pray and plan for more "Training for Service" classes in our individual churches; and then all rally to make them a success!

We are also praying about a district-wide endeavor for the purpose of encouraging greater efficiency among our Sunday School workers. We will appreciate your praying about this too, and cooperating with us, when our vision materializes.

May God give you vision and strengthen your faith!

God's Work Goes On

In spite of all the selfish greed of mammon
That toils amid the shadows of the night;
In spite of evil hands essaying
To crush the temple that we build upon,
The law and order so divine obeying,
Unmoved by man's device, God's work goes on!

Not always in a radiance of splendor,
Nor the brilliant dazzling of a noon-day sun,
But in an attitude serene and tender
His mightiest miracles are daily done;
And though near-sighted dull-witted mortals
Themselves against His majesty array,
Nor give Him entrance through the heart's closed portals,
God's work goes on, and will not make delay!

No human power can interrupt its mission;
As well attempt the planets to remove,
Or change a single star from the position
It holds amid the galaxy above;
And so when all our plans seem unavailing,
When busy hands and throbbing hearts are stilled,
Doubt not, but rest assured, with faith unfailing,
That if our plans are His. . . . they'll be fulfilled.

(Dedicated to the Oroville Sunday School)

Boys and Girls

HOW ARE YOU SPENDING YOUR VACATION?

Could it be possible that you will be going fishing some of these days? Well, when you do, you will meet other fishermen as well. Some good; some clever; some not so good and not so clever—but somewhere along the banks of the stream you will no doubt meet an "invisible fisherman" who is known for his clever fishing. Let me tell you too—"he's getting the fish!"

If you will turn in your Bible to Luke 4, you will find his name in verse 2, verse 3, verse 5, verse 6, verses 8, 13, 35, and 41.

Because this fisherman is so clever and deceiving, it might be well for us to find out what kind of bait he uses. Of course he will suit the bait to the kind of fish he is fishing for. In other words, it will be the bait that will attract the fish the easiest and quickest.

I think I have some information that will help you to avoid this sly "catcher." Here it is:

"For he goes fishing for the evil angle and carefully desires the worms souls are when our hook planned devil's temptations."

Oh! That doesn't make sense as it is—it's all jumbled up. To straighten it out, number the words as they are, up to 21. Then put the numbered words in this order. First number 7, next, number 11, then numbers 9, 10, 19, 21, 15, 12, 8, 13, 5, 6, 20, 18, 16, 2, 3, 4, 1, 17, and 14.

May God always keep you for Himself.

Praying for you,
Your Sister Mast.

Taking Blame for Jesus' Sake

Jesus hung upon the Tree,
Taking blame for you and me;
Should we not then take it, too,
For unkindness others do?

If we suffer for His sake,
And the blame for others take,
When He sits upon His throne
We, His friends, He then will own.

—*Selected.*

Those who indulge in "white lies" soon become color blind.

Superintendent's Activities in June

Since last report a service was held at the Airport Church in Modesto, where Brother E. M. Adams is pastor. We found a good headway being made on the new church building which is of stone construction. The Riverbank dedication service for the new improvements was another happy occasion, and surely Brother Douglas Cooksey and his people can be congratulated on the fine improvements made both outside and inside.

Sister Blossom Gregorian is opening a new work at Rio Vista, and needs prayer and help. I paid her a visit and looked over what was being done. I feel she has a burden for the place, though it is quite a problem for one, alone, to pioneer a work. The Lord bless her in this effort.

Brother Savidge drove me to Portola to look over the parsonage building program which Pastor Eldridge is undertaking; and then on to Quincy, Greenville, Westwood, and Susanville, where visits were made with the pastors, M. M. York, C. C. North, Earl Larson, and H. L. Marlenee, respectively. Some problems along the way were looked into, but surely the fellowship of the Spirit was a blessing to our hearts, and we found a revival going on in Quincy with Brother Sylvia Fay Hutchinson from Arkansas as the evangelist. The Quincy church has purchased property, and desires to build just as soon as conditions permit. The Lord surely is blessing the work of Pastor York there.

We were also glad to see a building program going on in Greenville, in the work pastored by Brother Chester Williams, which is in fellowship with the other churches of that section.

Woodland was visited in the interest of a building program. $1,000 in pledges were subscribed to add to their cash building fund, so that as soon as conditions permit a nice church can be erected. We should get back of this as a district and get a good church in Woodland. An enjoyable service was held with Pastor L. A. Dodson and members who are working to this end.

A service was held in Yuba City with Pastor C. E. Lebeck and flock. They, too, are planning a parsonage building program. Brother Lebeck accompanied me to the Paradise fellowship meeting and C. A. rally where we enjoyed precious fellowship in services and at a fine dinner. From there I went to Lakeport where Pastor S. S. Webster and I conducted the funeral service for Brother A. L. Harper, one of our aged licensed ministers whom God had blessed with years of ministry among us; though in recent years he has not been able to continue his work, due to his infirmity. A little less than two months ago Sister Harper passed away; but she did not have long to wait for a reunion. May each of us be ready for the call.

A business meeting was held in Vacaville in the interest of financing a loan on their church and parsonage, and a precious time of fellowship was had there. The Lord has blessed the work of Brother and Sister Constant, and we rejoice to see the faithfulness of pastors and people.

In Albany a service was held with Brother Warren Hull, and though the crowd was not large, yet the Spirit of the Lord was there, and blessed throughout the entire service. A brother gave up his cigarettes as he prayed through at the altar service. God grant that he has continued victory. Surely we need to pray much and encourage the bound ones to continue to pray for victory over such habits.

As well as a ministers' conference on the juvenile problem, a fine day of fellowship was enjoyed in Modesto at Bethel Church where Brother Donald Weston is pastor. Also a good day of fellowship was had in Ukiah where the Lord graciously poured out His Spirit. Attendance has been fine at most all of the fellowship meetings, and we trust they will continue to increase.

A service was enjoyed at Willits with Pastor and Mrs. L. F. Wilson and the flock there. Calls come to go to many other places, and it is with regret I have to put them off; but it has been a happy time of fellowship in each place visited.

Brother R. H. Moon and I conducted the funeral for Sister Caroline Ellis in Oakland. Another one of our Lord's servants and our fellow-ministers has entered into her rest which came while she was sleeping.

A Father's Day service and dedication of a group of children was held at Sheridan where Sister Louella Nathan and Sister Metz are pastoring. It was a happy occasion and blessed of the Lord.

A service was held at Roseville where Brother and Sister Lowe are pastors, and it was a joy to find a revival spirit. One young man gave his heart to the Lord as a group of young people prayed with him after the service.

The St. Helena camp meeting cleanup day turned into a three-service day of fellowship which was much blessed of the Lord. How we would have loved to have had the cleanup day and stayed on there in anticipation of the camp meeting, as the grounds look so nice, and it has been an annual event for so many years. But we will have to look forward to 1945 for a bigger and better camp meeting than ever before if Jesus tarries and the war permits, which we believe it will. The Lord bless Pastor Carrington and the St. Helena Church.

I have just returned from a visit to Pacific Grove where Evangelist Oral Hart is filling in while Brother and Sister O. L. Ellenwood are holding meetings in Denver.

Fellowship meetings, inter-subdistrict meetings, and special young people's and Sunday School programs should be held to encourage and stimulate fellowship and a spiritual life of prayer and love for God as the Lord directs.

May the presence of the Lord be yours daily, and ours, as we fellowship together in these District Council days.

The Lord bless you, every one.

R. J. THURMOND.

Be Alarmed

If you find yourself—
coveting any pleasure
more than your prayer times,
enjoying any book
more than your Bible,
reverencing any house
more than the House of God,
satisfied with any table
more than the Lord's Table,
loving any person
more than our Lord Jesus Christ,
seeking the fellowship of men
more than that of the Holy Spirit,
or delighted with any prospect
more than that of the return of
Jesus—Then Be Alarmed!

Faith works love, works by love, and loves to work.

Alumni Echoes---Missionaries

Brother and Sister Walter Erickson, graduates of G. T. B. I., and recently returned from Peru, S. A., write:

"Just a few lines of greetings to old GLAD TIDINGS to let you know that we are once again in the good old U. S. A. When our steamer pulled into San Pedro harbor, the U. S. Immigration and Health authorities came on board and we Americans produced our documents and health certificates which are so indispensible in all Latin American countries. They waved aside our certificates with a gesture, and one of them said: 'You don't need those things here; you are in God's country!' The United States may not be exactly 'God's country,' but it certainly is good to be home for a while.

"Our ministry in South America during these many years has been in Peru, and almost wholly in the interior—up in the heart of the lofty Andes. The Peruvian Indians, among whom we have labored for so long, are usually an open-hearted, trusting people, but very neglected and poverty-stricken, and certainly as much in need of the gospel as anybody on earth. Caraz, our present mission station, is situated 7,000 feet above sea level in a long valley, with the towering snow-capped mountains rising thousands of feet to the east of us, and the slightly lower Black Range to the west. Scattered through these vast mountain regions there are scores of towns and villages and hamlets perched on the steep mountain slopes or nestled in the deep valleys, miles from rail or auto roads, and accessible only by the most primitive mule trails.

"Missionary work is vastly different from pastoral or evangelistic work in the States. These scattered towns—all without the gospel—present a problem in themselves. It is a problem we haven't entirely solved even after these many years. The mule is the sure-footed motive power of the Andes; so by mule we started making trips out into the interior from our main station. Little by little the Lord has raised up individuals and groups in different towns, and in some places staunch little churches have been developed as men abandon a life of sin to seek and serve the Lord.

"On the coast in the capital city of Lima we have a flourishing Bible School where the native believers are being trained in the Word, to be able to carry the gospel to their own people.

"Over fifteen years ago our brethren in Caraz started praying and saving money toward a new church in that city. The Lord heard their prayers and gave us a splendid building on one of the choicest lots in the city. This building, when entirely finished, will have a seating capacity of about 400. I don't understand why this choice lot was not sold years ago, but evidently the Lord saw fit to hold it for us, so that we might build there a house to the glory of His name. It serves as a sort of mother church to the tiny scattered little groups around us; and now, by the help of the Lord, we have room for our believers from the provinces around Caraz when we gather them together for conventions or other special occasions to train them in the deeper things of God."

A letter, dated the early part of this year, has come into our hands from Ralph and Jewyl Williams of Honduras, C. A.—a part of which we quote:

"The first of this month we dedicated the new missionary home and church building in Jutiapa, Guatemala. We held the annual conference there and several hundred attended. Many of the townsfolk who would never come near the little place we had rented for meetings, came to service and have continued attending since. A number have publicly accepted the Lord as their Saviour, and that, of course, makes our hearts rejoice, for that is the only purpose in putting up churches. The reports of the workers for the past year were encouraging and it was agreed to open work in three new districts this year. Three of our best native workers were selected for this work, and arrangements are now under way to secure places in which to begin their preaching.

"A little over a week ago we came over to Honduras from El Salvador to make a visit to the churches in this Republic. Most of the journey had to be made on mules since there are no roads in this part of the country. The trails were rough and steep and muddy, but the mountains very beautiful, and we enjoyed our three-days' journey very much.

"The Lord has been sending in new missionaries, and this will make it possible for us to extend our borders. At present most of them are still studying the language but we trust they will soon be ready to carry on the work they long to be doing. This year five couples have come to Central America."

(Brother and Sister Williams are now in this country on furlough, enjoying a well earned rest and visit with their boys whom they had left in this country to attend school. The eldest is shortly to go into the navy.)

The Rainbow

(Rev. 4:3)

While we whose feet are on the earth
Just half the bow we see,
But He that sits upon the throne
Sees its entirety.

A covenant twixt God and man,
A promise never broken,
With colors bright it was His plan
That it should be a token.

Gold for a kingly diadem,
A strip of heavenly blue
The purple stands for royal men,
The green the emerald's hue.

And white for righteousness of saints
That come from many lands,
And interwoven is the red,
It for salvation stands.

Perhaps your skies are stormy
And all seems dark awhile,
After rain the bow will come
The sunshine of God's smile.

—Hazel Niccolls (Oakdale).

God's Peanut

The late Dr. George Washington Carver, when invited to testify before a Senate Committee about his work in the laboratory with peanuts, was asked, "How did you learn all these things?" He replied, "The Bible." When asked, "Does the Bible tell about peanuts?" he replied, "No, Mr. Senator, but it tells about the God who made the peanut. I asked Him to show me what to do with the peanut, and He did." (Jas. 1: 5)

"By two things a man is known; by his manner of bestowing praise, by his manner of receiving blame."

Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Pornography on Parade

Fifteen million copies of obscene magazines are sold in the United States every month. Canada has banned more than 100 of these American publications.

Prior to 1919 there were fewer than 25 lewd publications in this country. By 1935 the quantity of pornographic publications had jumped to 291. Since January, 1933, there have been 94 new obscene magazines to make their appearance, which is an increase of nearly 16 each year, or one every 23 days.

The foregoing information appeared in an address delivered recently in Chicago by Dr. A. F. Schersten, professor of sociology at Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. Dr. Schersten further stated: "The magazines not only parade nudity of a salacious type, but they also make it appear smart to violate the conventions. A flippant, unconcerned attitude toward marital infidelity is prompted, and marriage as an institution is held up to jest and ridicule.

"Erotic publications produce morbid sex consciousness and are potential causes of wrong attitudes regarding moral traditions and basic institutions, such as parenthood and family life." Condensed from *The Twentieth Century Christian,* by Alonzo Williams.

Juvenile Delinquency Analyzed

Juvenile Judge Sam Davis Tatum, of Nashville, Tennessee, tried 4,000 cases of youth under 17 years of age between June, 1939, and August, 1943. The facts deduced from these trials form a revealing analysis of the causes of juvenile delinquency:

1. Of the approximately 4,000 cases, only 17 were those of regular Sunday School or church service attenders. And of the 17, nine were found not guilty.

2. Only about six of the families of these 4,000 were regular attenders at Sunday School or church.

3. Over 75% of the youngsters appearing before Judge Tatum were from broken homes. Either the parents were separated, divorced, or one or both were dead.

Great Missionary Call

World Dominion states: "A Canadian chaplain has reported recently that in the English Army alone, there were over a thousand men waiting to offer themselves for evangelistic and missionary work after the war."

Broken Homes

According to a report on the 1940 census made by statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 4,500,000 children in the United States under 18 years of age live in families broken by death, separation or divorce.

Venereal Diseases Jumped 15 Fold

City Health Officer, George M. Uhl, of Los Angeles, reported recently, that recorded instances of venereal disease in this teeming, crowded center of defense industry and military and naval activity were 15 times greater in 1942-43, than in the war years of 1917-1918, while the population increased only three fold.

The statistics include only venereal diseases among the civilian population. Dr. Uhl said, as figures on cases treated by the military medical corps are not numerically reported to the health office.

Dr. Uhl reported that in 1942-43, 19,760 instances of syphillis and 9,375 of gonorrhea were reported to his department.

The Liquor Industry

A million Americans are directly or indirectly engaged in the liquor industry, according to figures published in the *Christian Herald.* More than four million tons of beer and liquor are shipped each year, despite over-loaded rail facilities. Two and a half million truckloads of beer alone are moved annually, in spite of fuel and manpower shortages.

Bibles at High School

For forty years it has been the custom of the township trustees of Huntington County, Indiana, to present a Bible to each student graduating from high school. In many other counties in the State, the auditor attempted to make the trustees liable for the cost of such Bibles. According to *Watchman-Examiner,* the case was tried before Judge Burr H. Glen who ruled the expenditure to be reasonable and proper. Efforts are now to be made to have legislation passed at the next session of the Indiana Legislature affirming the practice of distributing Bibles to high-school graduates.

Praying Congressmen

According to Chas. P. Eisenmayer, international trustee of the Gideons, there is a meeting in Senatorial rooms at Washington on Wednesday mornings at which religiously inclined Congressmen gather for breakfast, prayer, and testimony. "At least twenty legislators got up at one meeting," he says, "and told what the Lord Jesus Christ had done for them. One Senator apologized for his vocal fervor. 'I am an old-fashioned Methodist,' he said; 'I have a meeting like this with my office staff before business every morning.'"

Religious Services Popular

Captain Maryin L. Chernow, Chico physician and surgeon, knows how it feels to be a patient but greatly prefers the role of doctor.

Captain Chernow, a veteran of the Attu attack, is spending a 30-day leave in Chico as a member of the Enlo Hospital staff. During the Attu engagement, Captain Chernow was pinned to the ground with a Japanese bayonet through his nose and throat. Captain Eugene L. McGee, who was fighting next to the Chico doctor, killed the Japanese and with the help of other Americans laid down a protective barrage while Captain Chernow crawled toward the hospital for aid.

He states the religious service on ship as the most popular pastime. According to the doctor the movies on board were well attended but the men literally hung from the rafters to participate in the religious services. On Easter Sunday, men who had not been in church for 20 years attended the services.

Runaway Youth

The Missing Persons Bureau reports that 3,248 girls and 3,118 boys between the ages of thirteen and twenty were reported missing in New York City in 1943. This represents an increase of 41% over the previous year.